[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: Do the Government expect to finish the construction of the bridges by the end of this year?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: The Chief Engineer has promised to take up these works early and he expects to finish them as early as possible.

Talukwar Figures of Revenue.

210. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: With reference to the answer to Question 28 given at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 31st July, 1922, will the Government be pleased to state the items of revenue for which talukwar figures are available?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: Talukwar figures are available only for land revenue.

Private Tanneries at Alleppey.

211. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the grounds that induced the Government to take off the licenses of the private tanneries which were existing in Alleppey?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: Government have no information that any private tanneries ever existed in Alleppey.

Supply of leather goods for Government purposes.

212. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) from which company the Government at present get their supply of leather goods; and

(*b*) whether it is not possible to get these articles from leather manufacturers in the State itself?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) & (*b*). The departments that use leather goods are the Military, the Police, the Excise and the Anchal. The Excise Commissioner and the Anchal Superintendent obtain their leather goods from leather manufacturers in Travancore. The leather goods required by the Nayar Brigade are "ammunition boots" and "accoutrements". These are obtained from Messrs. Cooper Allen and Co., Cawnpore. The Commandant states that it is possible to get such articles made up locally, but not of the quality and at the prices of those supplied by Messrs. Cooper Allen and Co. The Commissioner of Police states that the contracts for leather goods for the current year have been sold to local manufacturers. The contractor for belts has furnished samples which could not be accepted by Mr. Pitt; and he intends, with the sanction of Government, to place the order with Messrs. Cooper Allen and Co., Cawnpore. He states that the boots obtained locally in 1097 have proved unsatisfactory and that it may be necessary to obtain the 1099 supply from Cawnpore.

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